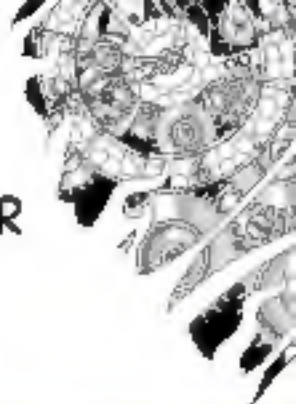




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hidden
pain...



Not too long ago, Ayukawa got a new proposal.

Once he left the hospital, he decided to build a barrier-free house.

The client is Ogawa-san. After a motorbike accident two years ago, he lost the ability to walk.



WE ALSO HEARD FROM DOCTOR ISHIGAME AT THE REHABILITATION CENTER ABOUT AYUKAWA-SAN'S SITUATION.

HE SAID THERE WAS AN ARCHITECT SITTING IN A WHEELCHAIR...



This time's a commission case.

I am also a part of it.

10 MINUTES FOR THOSE ON A WHEELCHAIR?

SO IT TOOK US 2 YEARS BEFORE WE COULD GET TO THIS STAGE OF PLANNING.

WE COULDN'T TRANSFER THE FUNDS BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION WAS DELAYED IN BEING SETTLED...



YES, IT'S ABOUT 10 MINUTES BOTH WAYS TO OO STATION.

HAVE YOU FOUND A SUITABLE PLOT OF LAND?



SO
THE BARRIER-
FREE DESIGN
SHOULD
USE OGAWA-
SAN'S BODY
CONDITION AS
A BASIS.

EVERYONE
WILL HAVE
DIFFERENT
LEVELS OF
DISABI-
LITIES AND
INJURIES.

I have a feeling it
was probably
Ayukawa's boss,
Nabe-san, who
recommended me.



IF YOU
HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS,
FEEL FREE
TO ASK ME
AT ANY TIME.

NICE
TO
MEET
YOU.
I AM
KAWANA.

KAWANA
WILL BE IN
CHARGE OF
INTERIOR
DESIGN.

THEN
LET'S TALK
ABOUT THE
CONDITION
OF THE LAND
NEXT.



IF THE
HIGH SCHOOL
ME KNEW
ABOUT THIS, I
WONDER WHAT
SHE WOULD
SAY...

I AM
ACTUALLY
WORKING
WITH
AYUKAWA
NOW.

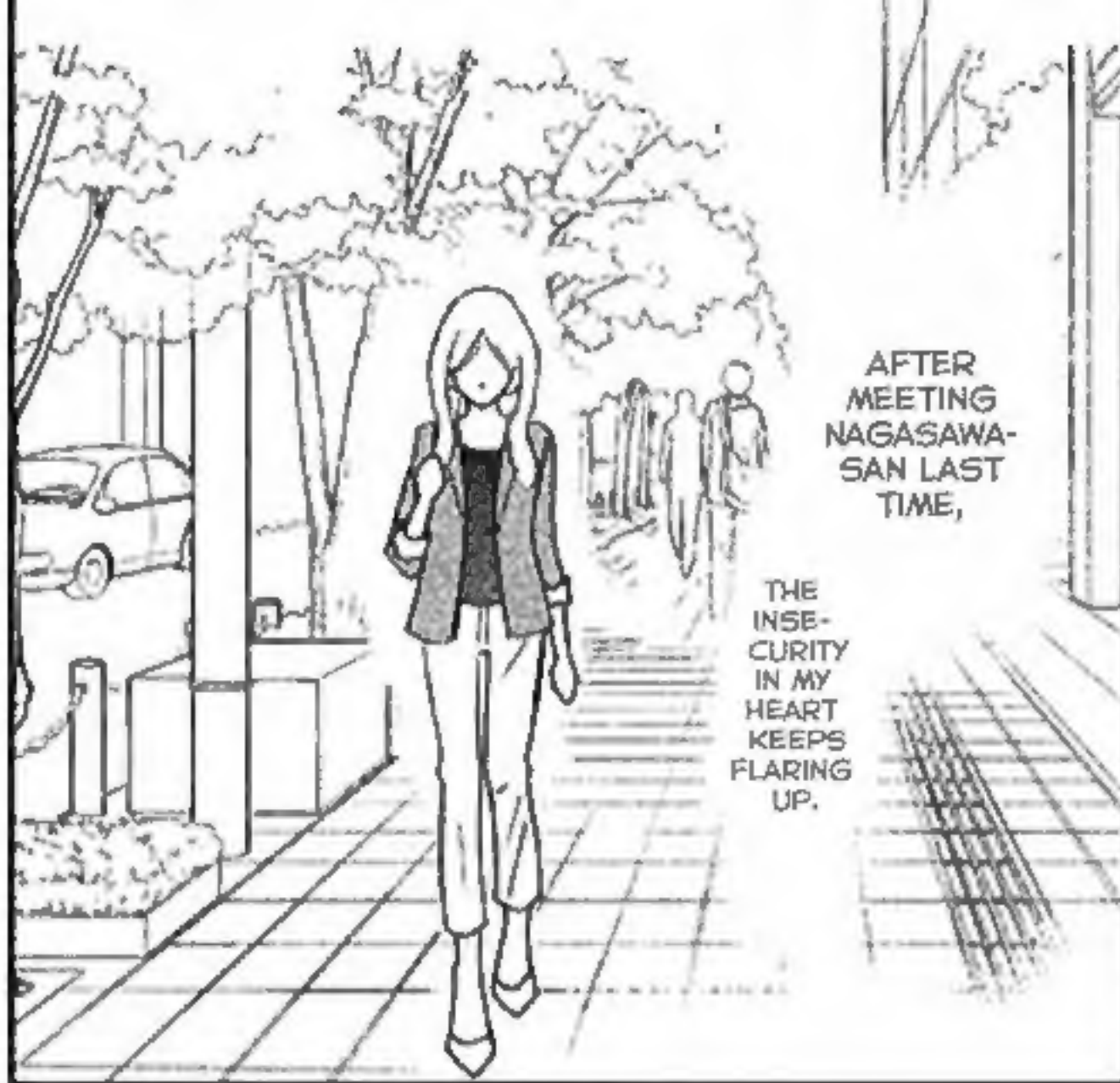


BUT...



ONLY
SUCCESS IS
ALLOWED, NO
FAILURE.





AFTER
MEETING
NAGASAWA-
SAN LAST
TIME,

THE
INSE-
CURITY
IN MY
HEART
KEEPS
FLARING
UP.

A THOUGHT
APPEARED
IN MY MIND.

AFTER THIS JOB
IS FINISHED,
WILL AYUKAWA
AND I STILL BE
TOGETHER...



NO,
NO.

STOP
THINKING
ABOUT IT!

IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
THAT CAN BE
TAKEN
LIGHTLY,

UNDER-
STAND?



I WANT TO
ANSWER HIS
FEELINGS.

I MUST
BRAVELY
CONTINUE
FORWARD

CAN HAVE THE
DETERMINATION
TO ACCEPT THE
FEELINGS OF
ANOTHER,

SINCE
AYUKAWA

IT IS
DEFINITELY
NOT A
SIMPLE
MATTER.







THANK
YOU FOR
INVITING ME
ON YOUR
DATE
TODAY!

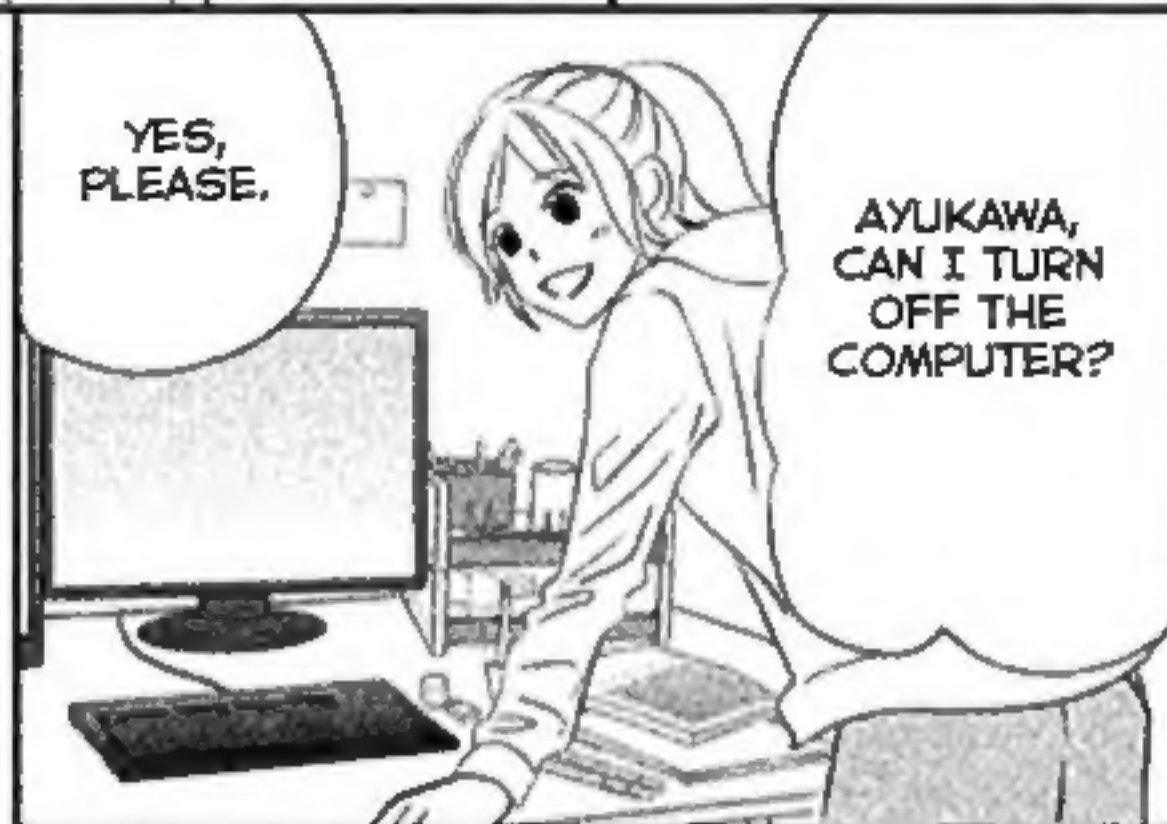
GOOD
MOR-
NING.

GOOD
MORN-
ING~



MAIKA-
CHAN'S
HERE!

I'LL
GO
OPEN
THE
DOOR.

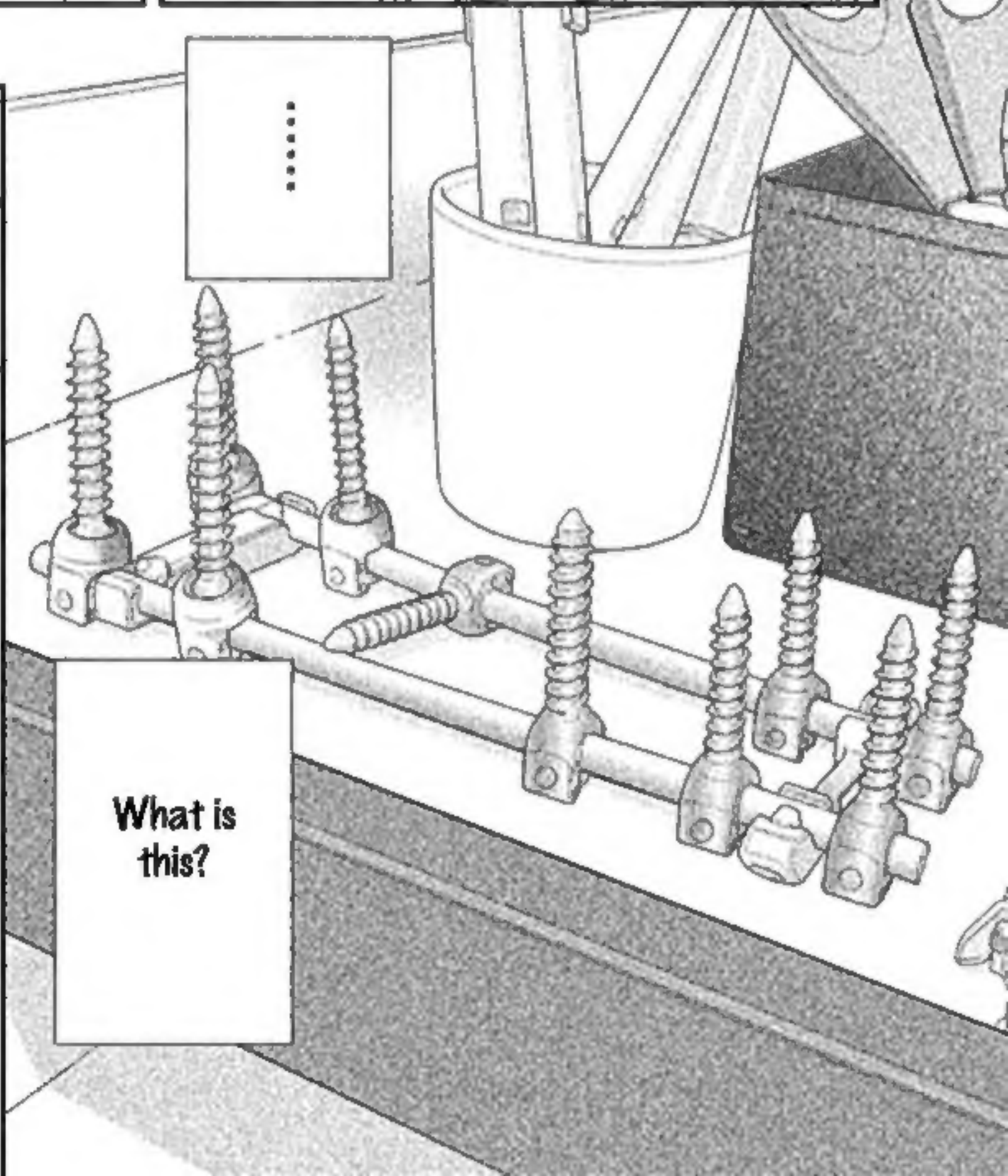


YES,
PLEASE.

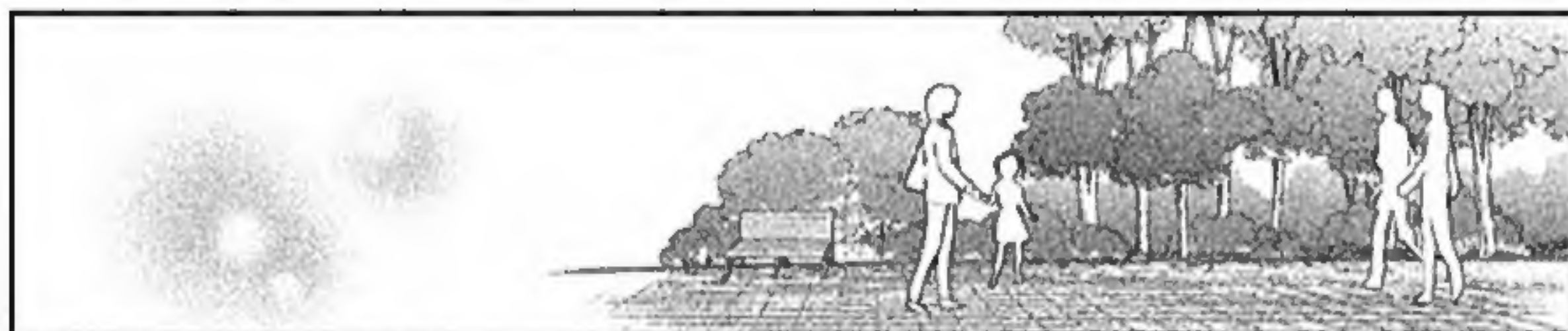
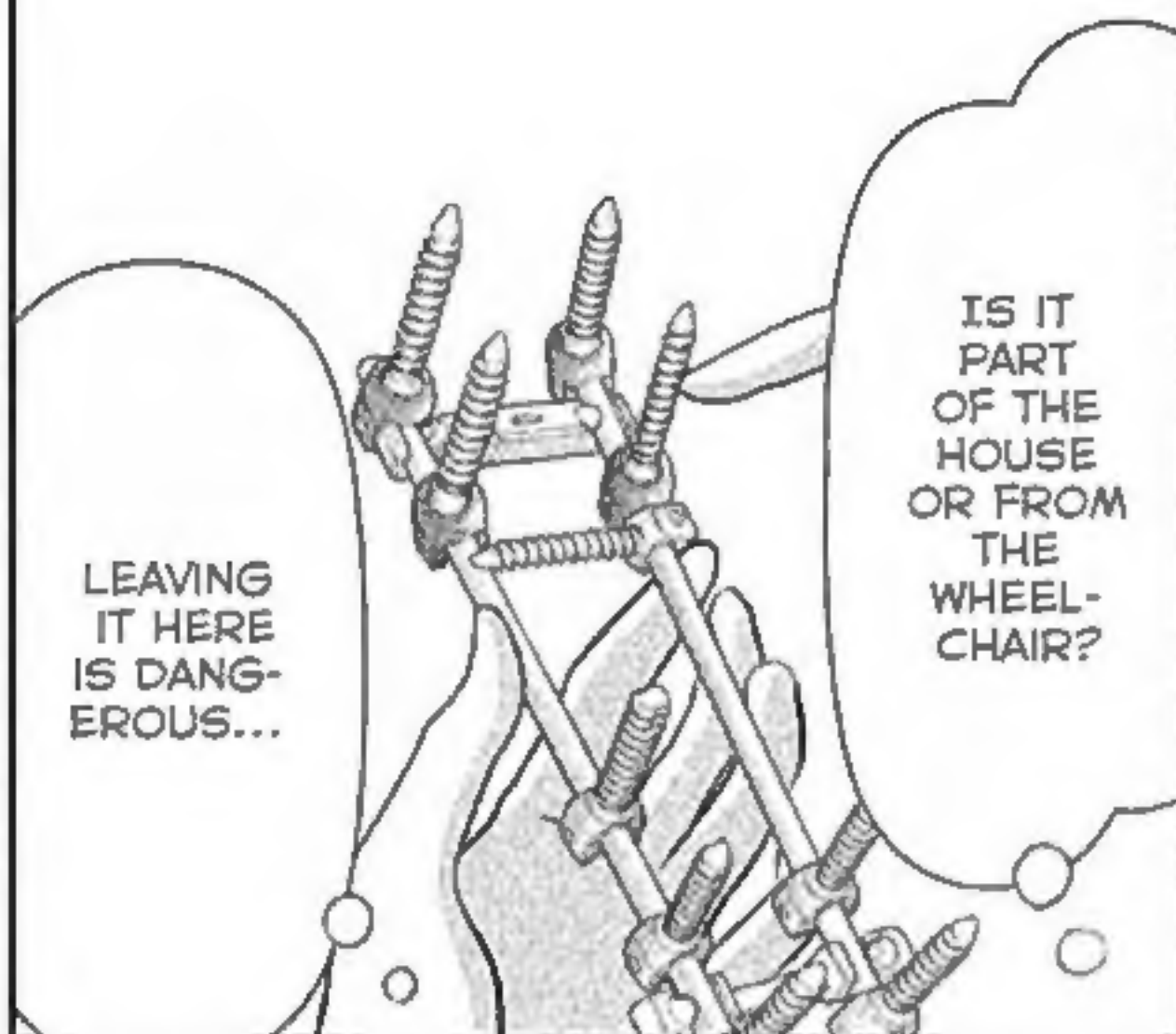
AYUKAWA,
CAN I TURN
OFF THE
COMPUTER?



IT'S
HEAVY.



What is
this?







NO, WE DIDN'T.

HUH?

DID YOU TWO HAVE A FIGHT?



HE WENT OUT WITH HIS GROUP OF FRIENDS.

HARUTO-KUN DIDN'T COME TODAY?

EH?



THOUGH I SAY SOMETIMES BUT IT'S MORE OCCASIONAL.

IT'S JUST, WE FEEL IT'S BETTER WHEN WE CAN SOMETIMES DO OUR OWN THINGS.



AREN'T YOU TWO TOO LOVING~?!

EH
—
?

EVERY WEEKEND, I WOULD SPEND IT WITH AYUKAWA.

...I SEE...



HEY

ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?



ABOUT THAT...



GIVING EACH OTHER SOME SPACE, ISN'T THAT A LITTLE BETTER?

NOISY

NOISY



**AYUK-
AWA?!**





AYUKAWA-SAN, YOU GAVE MY A FRIGHT.

THE CHILDREN'S BALL CAME TO MY SIDE.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



OKAY.



BUT MY WHEEL-CHAIR SUDDENLY GOT STUCK AND I FELL.



SO, I WANTED TO PICK IT UP.



...SORRY.

REALLY SORRY...



BESIDES, EVEN IF I FALL I CAN SIT UP ON THE WHEEL-CHAIR ON MY OWN.

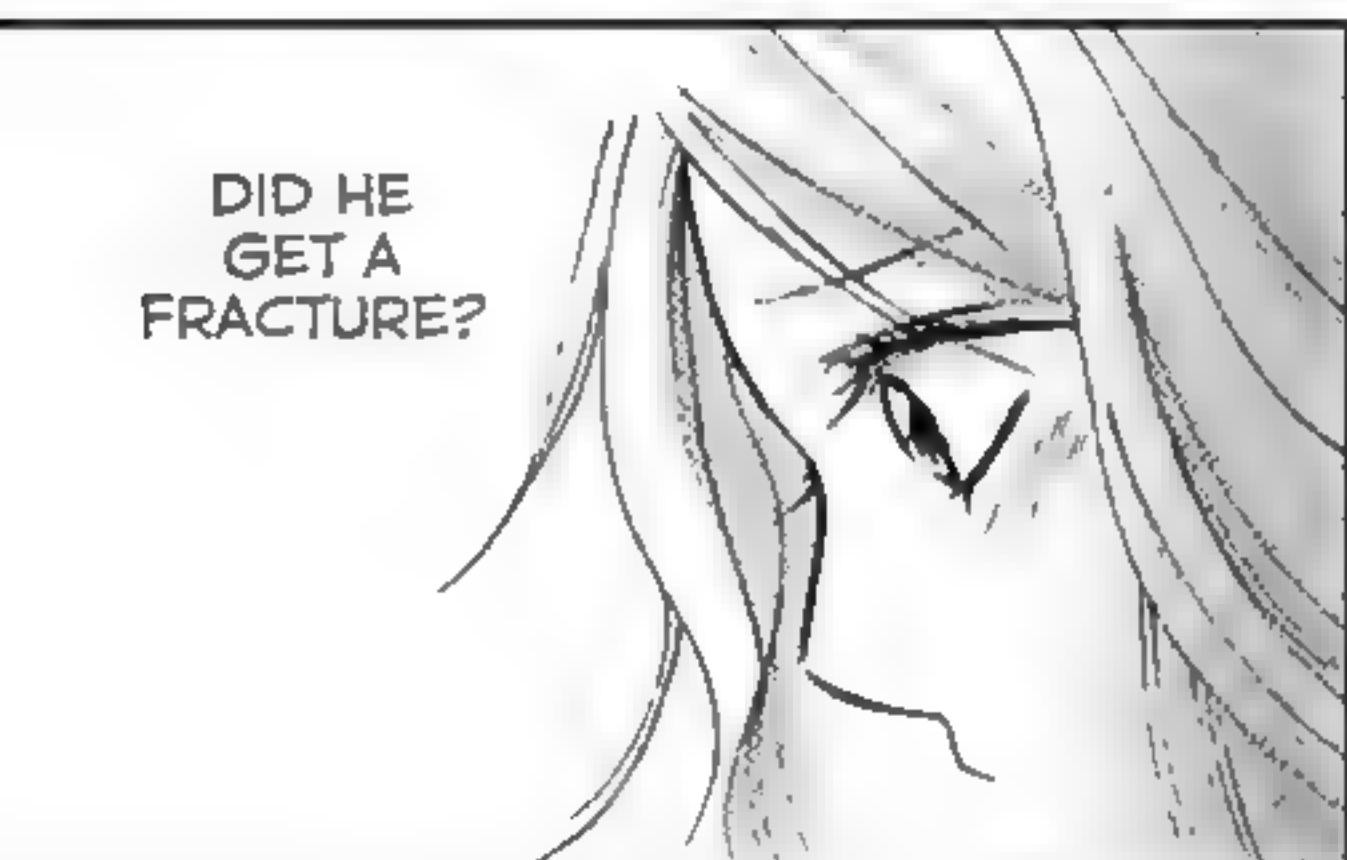
AFTER ALL, I'VE PRACTICED IT SO MANY TIMES.

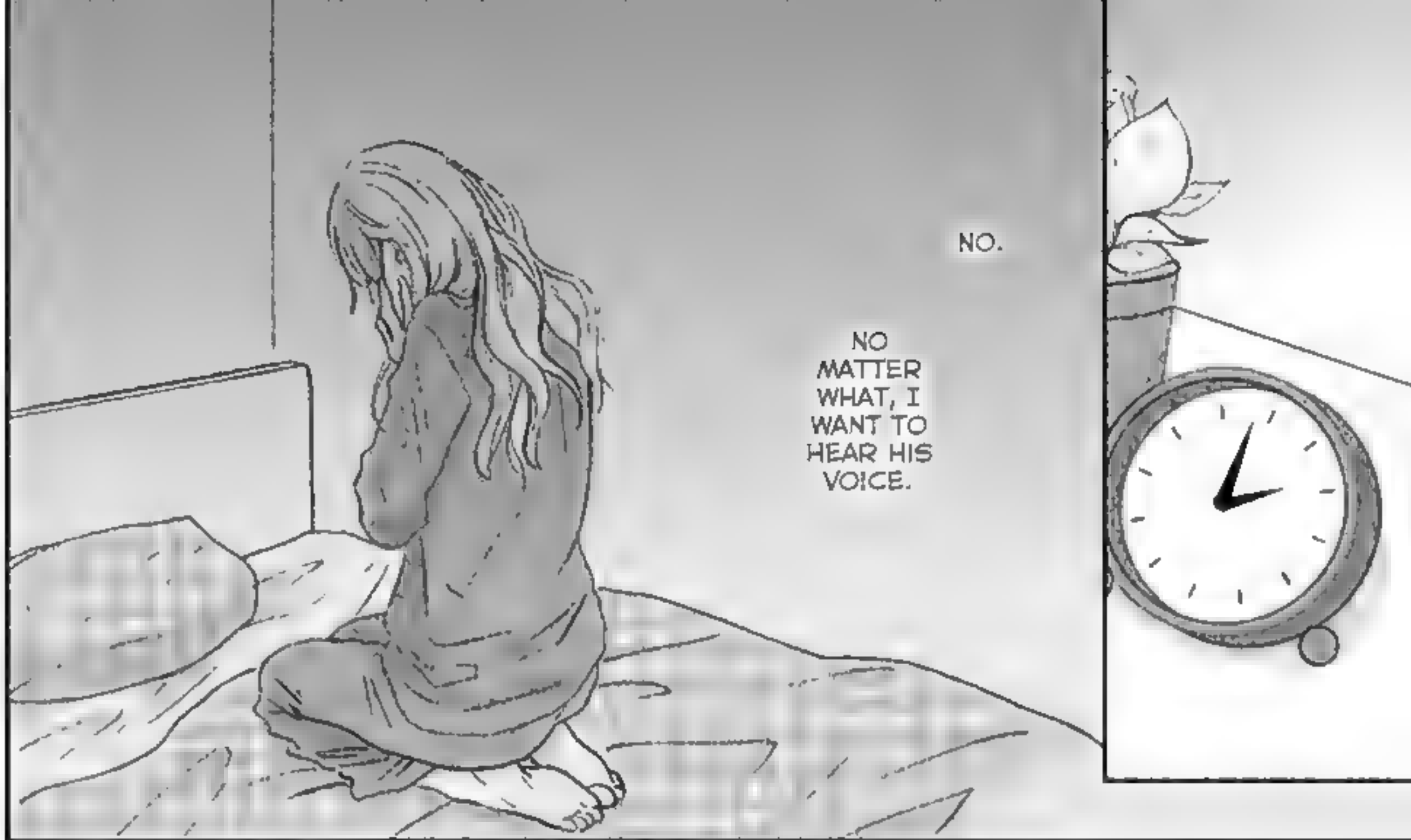
EVEN IF KAWANA WAS HERE, I WOULD STILL HAVE FALLEN.



SORRY ...

IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU...





NO.

NO
MATTER
WHAT, I
WANT TO
HEAR HIS
VOICE.



WHAT
HAP-
PENED?

IT'S SO
LATE AND
YOU'RE
NOT A-
SLEEP
YET.

KAWANA?



ABOUT
THAT,

I JUST
HAVE A
LITTLE
INSOMNIA.

BUT YOU
PICKED UP
MY CALL
STRAIGHT
AWAY.

DON'T
WORRY.

I'M
REALLY
NOT IN-
JURED.

S-
SORRY...

I CAN'T
RELAX
ABOUT THE
EVENTS OF
TODAY.

IS IT
VERY
PAINFUL?

DO YOU
NEED ME
TO COME
OVER?!

IT'S BEEN
AWHILE
SINCE I'VE
FELT THE
PHANTOM
LIMB PAIN.

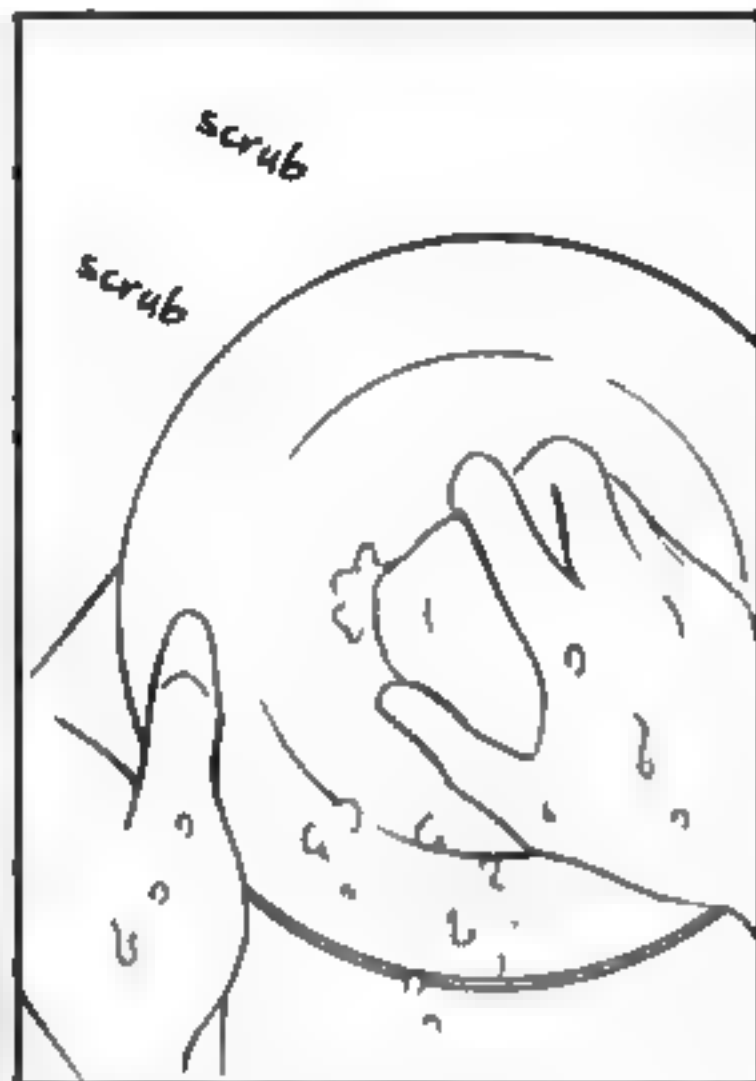
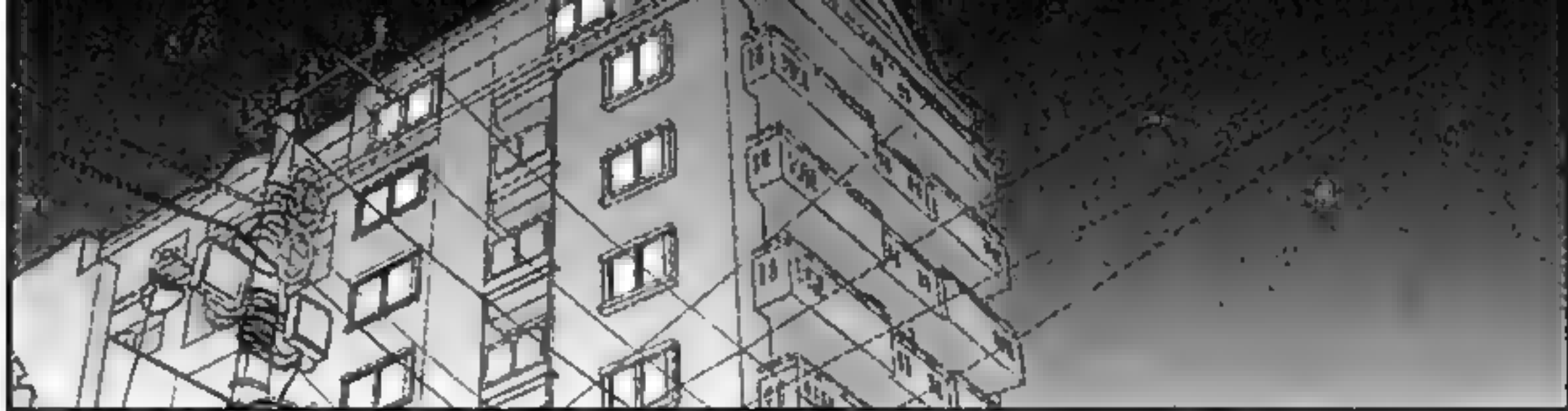
YEAH,

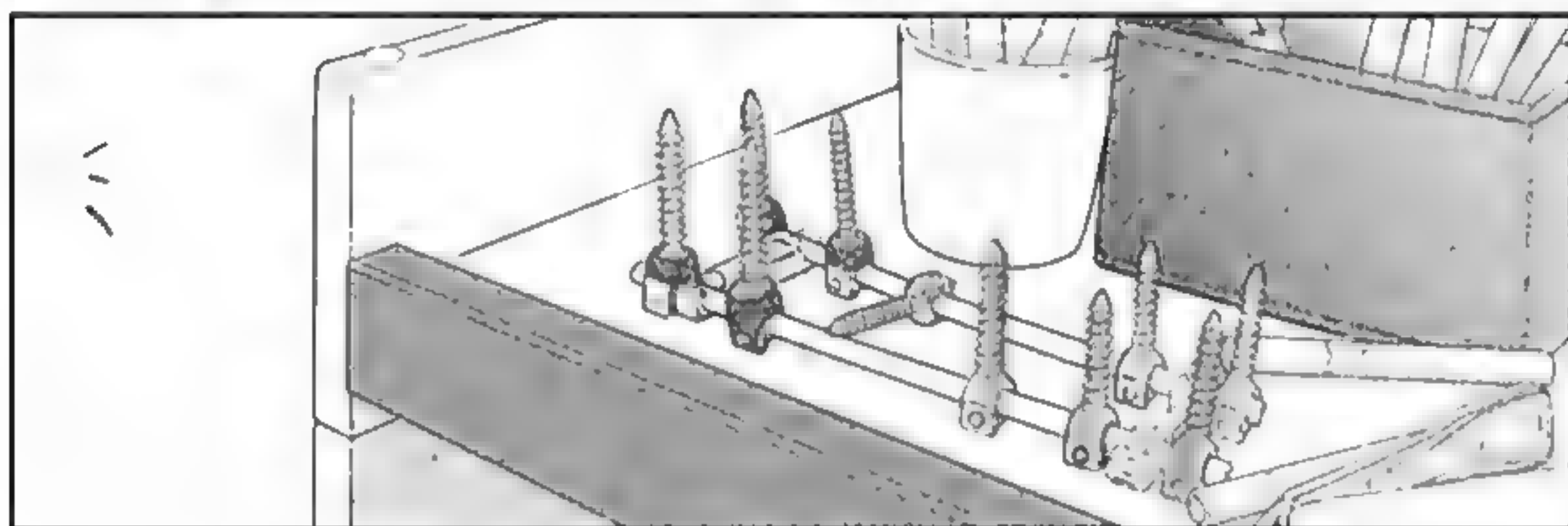
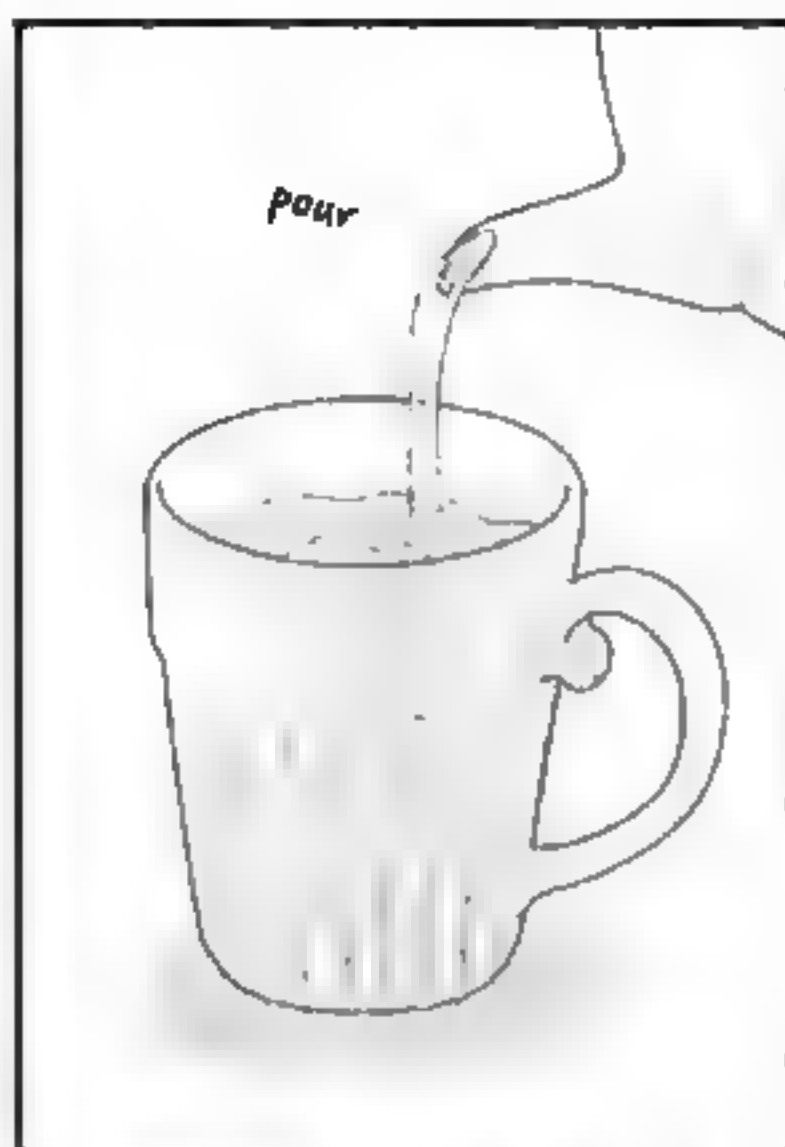
YOU
HAVEN'T
SLEPT?

PHANTOM
LIMB
PAIN?!

ARE YOU
REALLY
NOT HURT
ANYWHERE?









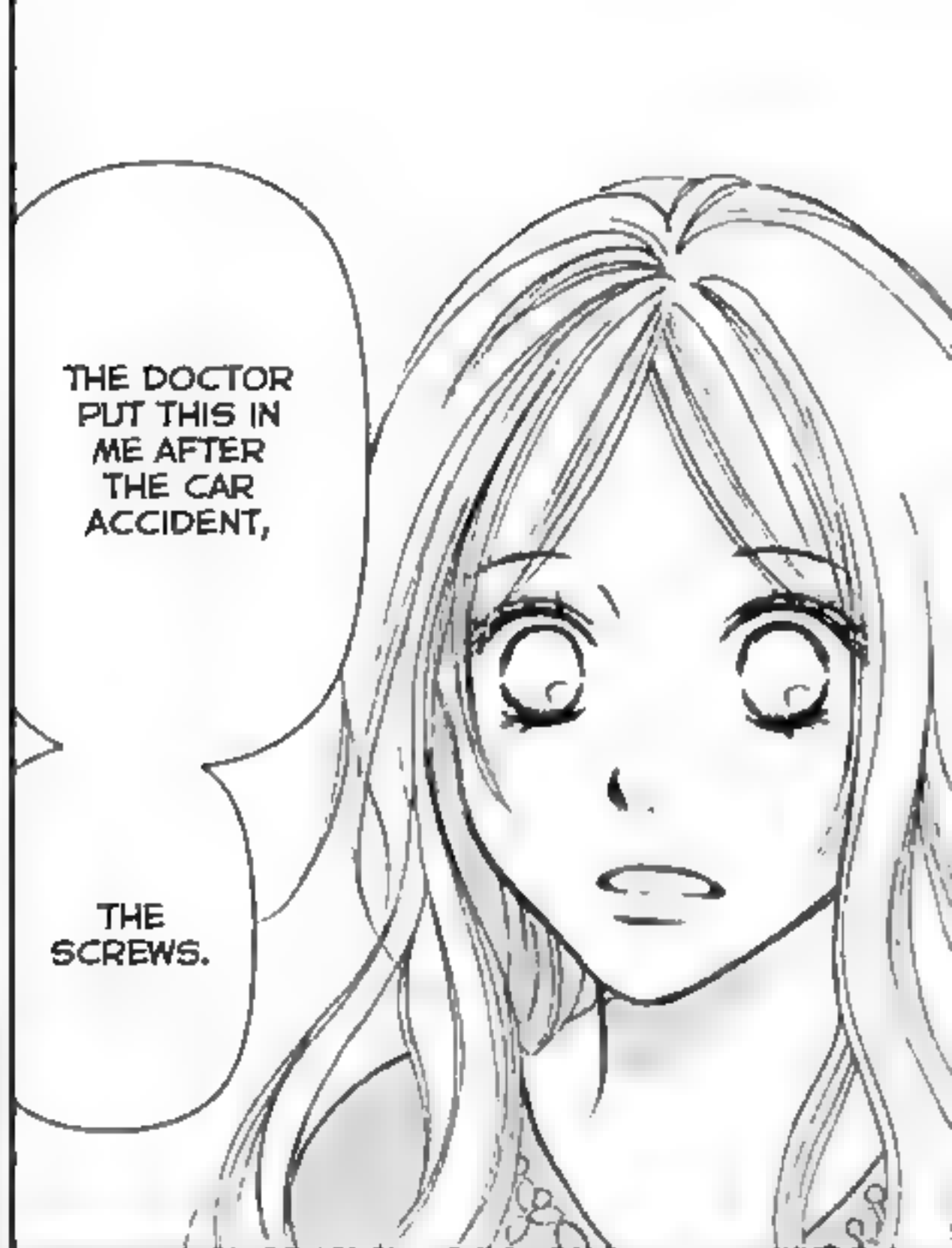
W-
WHAT?!

THIS?!



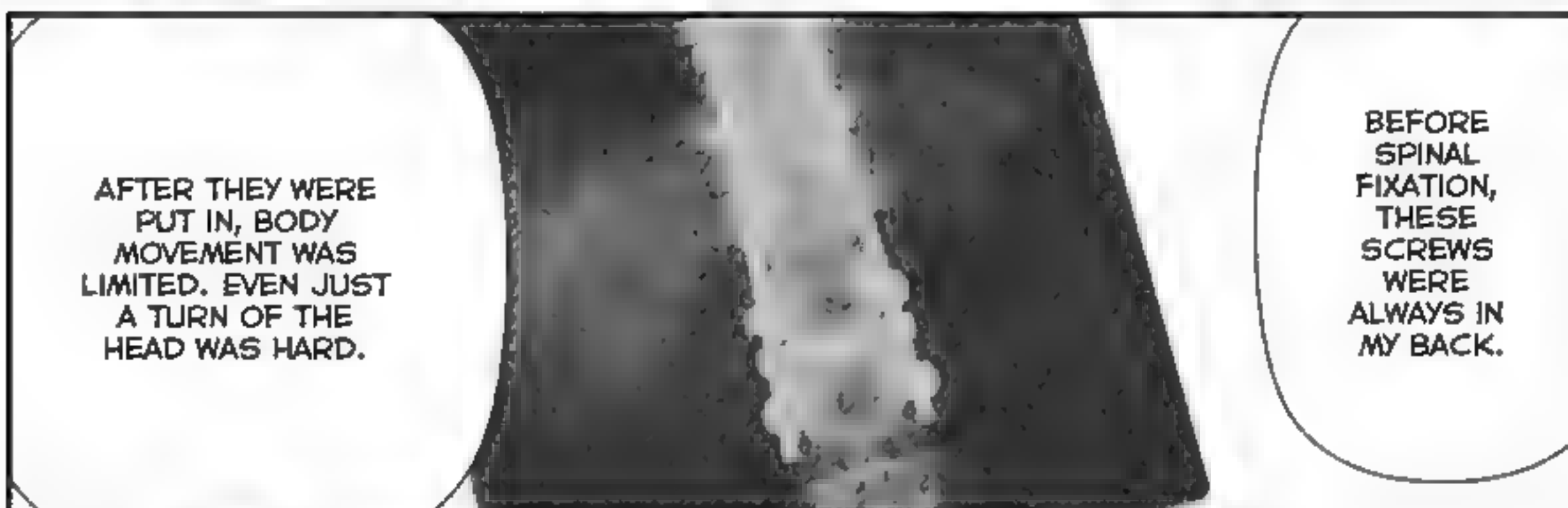
THERE'S
AN X-RAY
IMAGE.

WANNA
SEE?



THE DOCTOR
PUT THIS IN
ME AFTER
THE CAR
ACCIDENT,

THE
SCREWS.



AFTER THEY WERE
PUT IN, BODY
MOVEMENT WAS
LIMITED. EVEN JUST
A TURN OF THE
HEAD WAS HARD.

BEFORE
SPINAL
FIXATION,
THESE
SCREWS
WERE
ALWAYS IN
MY BACK.



THIS X-RAY
IMAGE WAS
GIVEN TO
ME BY THE
DOCTOR
ON MY RE-
QUEST.

TWO YEARS
AFTER THE
CAR ACCIDENT,
I WENT
FOR ANOTHER
OPERATION
AND HAD THE
SCREWS TAKEN
OUT.





SO I CAN
ONLY WATCH
AS YOU GET
HURT YET AM
UNABLE TO
DO ANYTHING
TO HELP!!

I WANT
TO KNOW
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
YOU

BUT IN
THE END
I STILL
DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
!!



I WANT
TO
SHARE
YOUR
BURDEN

YET I
CAN ONLY
WATCH
YOU
SUFFER!!

HOW
MANY
YEARS
OF
SUFFER-
ING DID
YOU
HAVE TO
ENDURE
TILL
NOW?

HOW MUCH
PAIN WERE
YOU IN
AFTER THE
ACCIDENT?





BUT
WHEN THE
SCREWS
WERE
TAKEN OUT
I FELT AS
I FINALLY
OVERCAME
AN OBS-
TACLE.

WHEN
THE
DOCTOR
PUT THIS
INTO MY
BODY

MY
CONDIT-
ION WAS
WORSE
THAN
NOW.

AS A
SOLVENIR
FOR MY
EFFORT
I ASKED
THE
DOCTOR
FOR THE
IMAGE.



I ASKED
FOR THIS
X-RAY
IMAGE

BECAUSE I
WANTED TO
FACE THE
REALITY.

BECAUSE
I WANTED TO
ACCEPT THE
FACT I COULD
NO LONGER
WALK AFTER
THE ACCIDENT.



.....
CAN I
REALLY?



I

CAN REALLY
BECOME
YOUR
COMPETENT
GIRLFRIEND?



SO DON'T
THINK TOO
MUCH ON WHAT
WAS IN THE
PAST.





OUR
RELATIONSHIP
IS A LITTLE
TOO OBVIOUS

Ha
Ha
...

...EH?

WHAT?
WHAT?!



SO I
TOLD HIM.



SPEAK-
ING OF,

BEFORE
THE START
OF THIS
PRESENT
JOB, NABE-
SAN ASKED
ME A
QUESTION.

HE ASKED
"ARE THERE
REALLY NO
PROBLEMS
WORKING WITH
KAWANA?".



"KAWANA
AND I ARE
DATING
SERIOUSLY"

IS
WHAT I
SAID.

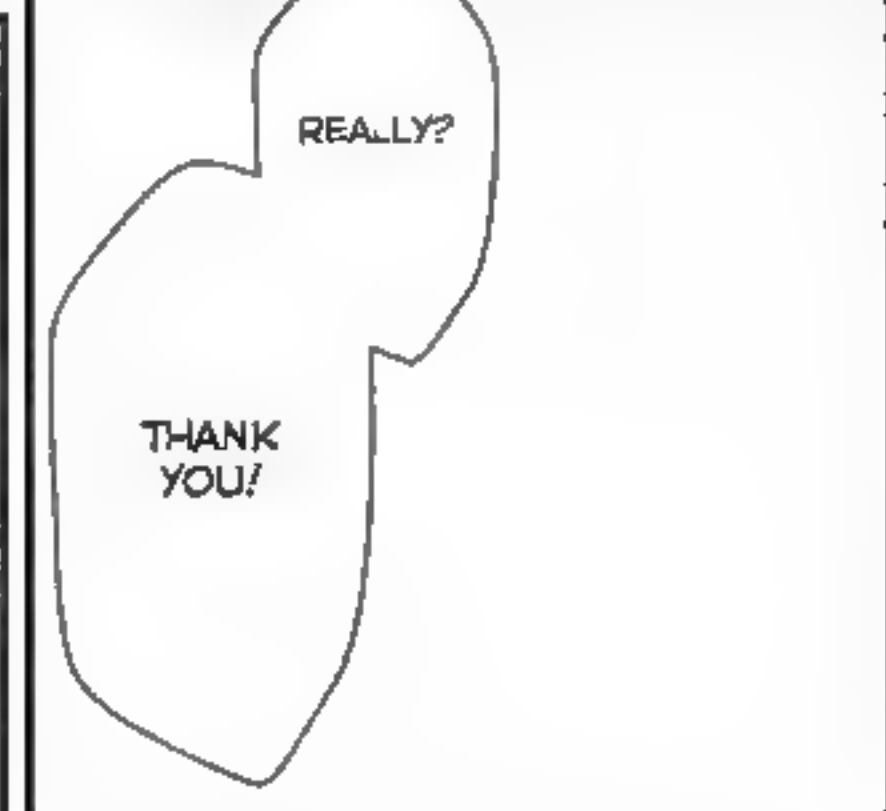


COMPARED
TO THE
PAST

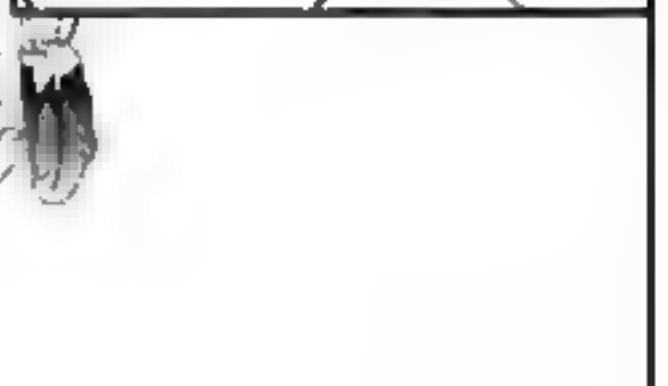
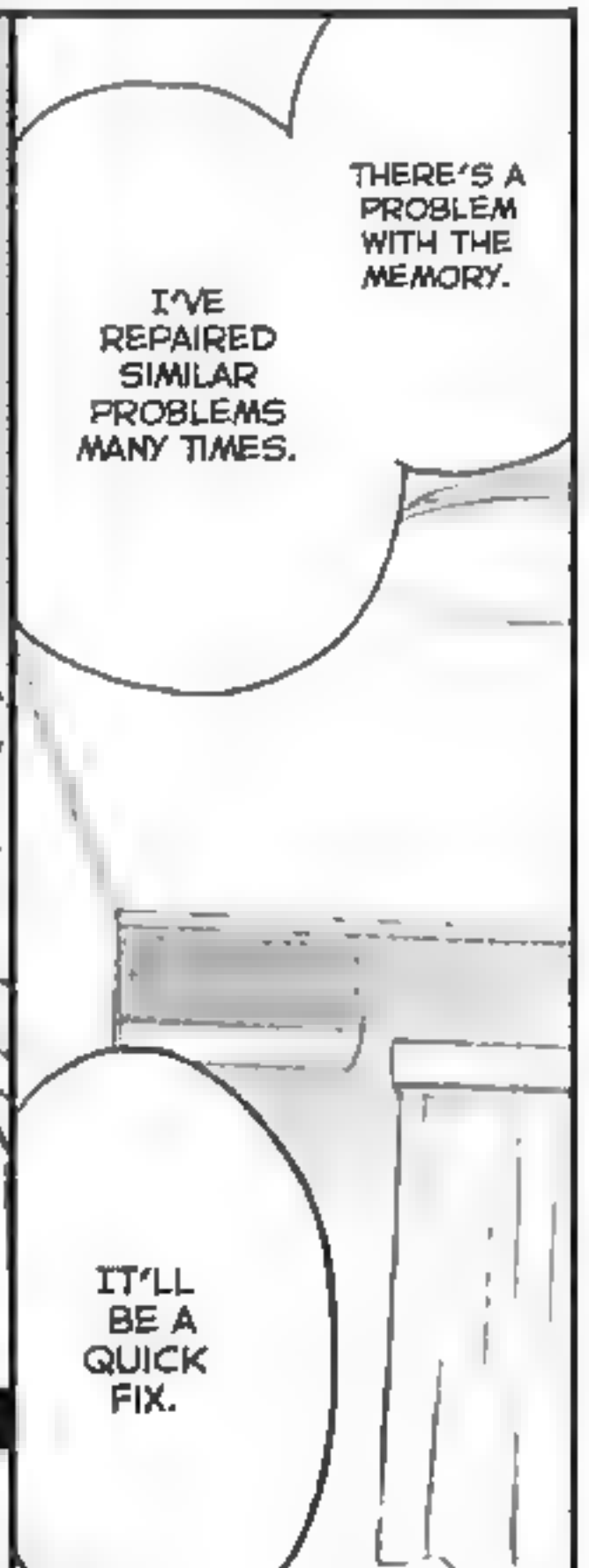
I WANT
EVEN MORE
HAPPINESS.

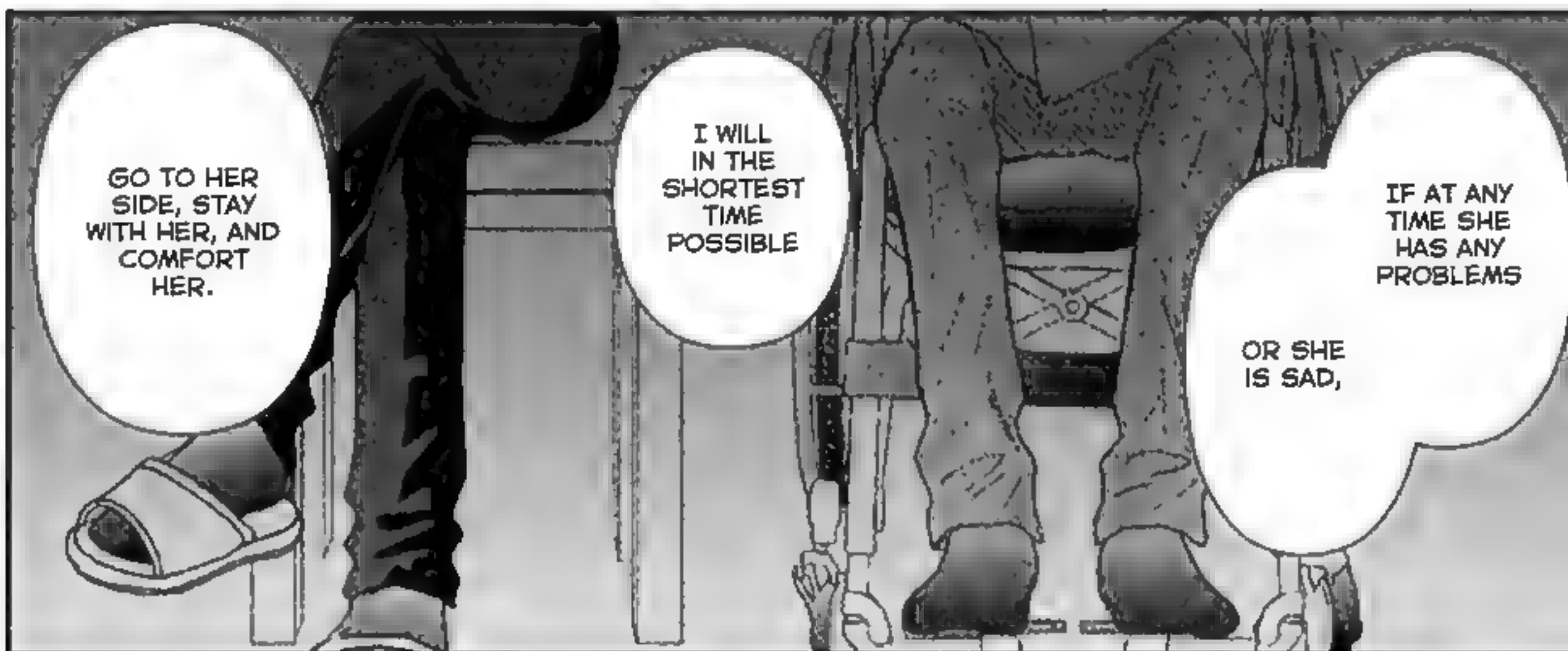












AYUKAWA,

TO GET
CLOSER TO
AYUKAWA,

I MUST TRY
HARDER,

HE FEELS
MORE
HAPPY
COMPARED
TO BEFORE.
THIS MAKES
ME MORE
HAPPY THAN
ANYTHING
ELSE.



TODAY
WAS A
LITTLE
TIRING...

BUT I
DON'T
FEEL SO
BAD.



WHAT?

AH,
KAWANA.

KOEEDA-
KUN?

I'M GOING
HOME NOW.

DRINK
SOME TEA
BEFORE
YOU GO.



THANK
YOU...!!

EH,
REALLY?

I ALREADY
FIXED THE
COMPUTER.

I WILL
DEFINI-
TELY
REPAY
YOU.

AYUKAWA AND
I BOTH WILL
TAKE YOU
OUT FOR A
MEAL.

NEXT TIME,
TREAT ME
TO A MEAL
AND WE
CAN CALL
IT EVEN.



AYUKAWA,

AYUKAWA.

WHY MUST
YOU BE IN
SO MUCH
PAIN AND
SADNESS
FOR THAT
GUY?!

HAVING THE
COMPUTER
FIXED IS
SUCH A
RELIEF...

BECAUSE
OF THIS
ISSUE,
AYUKAWA
WAS
FEELING
QUITE
TROUBLED.

COMING
HOME
EVERY DAY,
AYUKAWA IS
ALWAYS
WORKING.

I REALLY
WISH HE
WOULD
REST NOW
AND AGAIN.

CRASH





MEOW



Our love is,

little by
little,

beginning to
fall apart.

